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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

January 13, 2006

Dear Stakeholder:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's January 25th public Board Meeting will be held in San Jose at the City Hall, located at 200 East Santa Clara Street – City Council Chambers. **Please note the meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm.**

At the January 25th public board meeting, the Authority will be updated on the status of the Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed Train Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). This update will include information on the draft Scoping Report as well as the draft Purpose and Need statement.

At the November 1 & 2 public meeting the Authority received comments on the Final Program EIR/EIS from various organizations and individuals. Staff presented a staff report on the Final EIR/EIS and briefly summarized and responded to the Public Comment on the Final EIR/EIS received during day one of the meeting. The Authority unanimously voted to adopt *Resolution 05-01* (Certification of the Final Program EIR/EIS), *California Environmental Quality Act Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations for the California High-Speed Train System*, *Errata for the Final Program EIR/EIS*, and *Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan* (all of these documents can be viewed at www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov).

For additional information on the all of the Authority's work visit the Authority's website at www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov.

I look forward to seeing you in San Jose at our Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Morshed".

Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director